

The Pocahontas Times.

ANDREW PRICE EDITOR

Marlinton, Friday, Feb. 25, 1898.

Entered at the post office at Marlinton, W. Va., as second class matter.

We can fight Spain without any great inconvenience. The pensioners could board out among the neighbors, and we could take their pay as an ample fund to maintain the war.

Most people thought that the relations between Spain and America could not bear any farther strain. But it seems that nothing moves the Administration except calling them names.

If the Maine was sunk by accident, it is remarkably strange that it should occur to a ship in a hostile port, at just the proper hour of the night. We can exclaim with the Psalmist, "An enemy hath done this!"

SENATOR MORGAN'S doctrine is to build two such cruisers to show the world that when the United States loses one arm two will spring up in its place. The better plan would be to lop off two from the enemy. It would be cheaper.

The new postmaster of Harrisonburg is Rev. A. P. Funkhouser, of the United Brethren Church. The Spirit of the Valley declares that his appointment is a great setback to the Republican party of Rockingham County.

The calmness which the administration views the disaster to the Maine is along the general inertia manifested heretofore. The steamship went and stationed itself there for trouble, and she got it. All her helpless bulk was a tempting target for the enemies of America.

EVEN the ladies of Marlinton discussed the sinking of the battleship Maine in the unfriendly port of Havana, and for once the sewing circles found something outside of the immediate neighborhood to interest them. Some may wonder that we say this about them, but it is not so strange as it may seem, for they do not read this page of the paper.

AMERICAN people are justifiable in suspecting foul play. They would not have been surprised if the ship had been fired upon from the fort. When the explosion occurred the first thought of the captain was that she had been fired upon. But with all this in their minds they seemed to have forgotten that the means to destroy them might not be so open. They never suspected treachery, and when it came they were just enough to give the enemy the benefit of the doubt.

A SHORT time ago two dogs were watching each other in the streets of Marlinton. Both had their hair raised and were showing their teeth. They were slowly passing each other when a horse nearby squealed and kicked the fence with resounding whack. The accident precipitated hostilities, and the dogs were fighting in less than a second. Two other dogs rushed into action and it took an arbitrator a long time to quell the disturbance. It may be that Spain and the United States will by an unfortunate action find themselves fighting, and if they do some other dogs will rush in.

It seems that the Senatorial fight of the next legislature, if there be a Democratic majority on joint ballot, will be between Senator Faulkner and Colonel John T. McGraw. These two gentlemen are on the best of terms, and the issue will not be raised between them to any damaging extent before the election. We have never been an admirer of Faulkner. He is distinctly a man on whom greatness has been thrust. David B. Hill has described him as being "active but not effective," and he has certainly so proved himself. His recent failure to be reelected chairman of the Congressional Campaign Committee was not felt by the Democratic party of this State to the slightest extent. Senator Faulkner is far more of a Virginian than a West Virginian. He holds more intercourse with Virginians than those of his own State, and he sends his children to school in Virginia. He makes a poor showing in Washington beside his Republican colleague Senator Elkins, and his famous Democratic predecessors.

COMPLIMENTARY NOTICE.

William B. Blake, more familiarly known as "Old Ragged-Edged Bill," is the owner of the Valley Messenger and News. The paper has no editor, but depends on clippings from other papers "until it makes them look like seives," to quote a recent confession. Last week he chose to make us the subject of an odious comparison. He gravely announced the well known fact that the editor of the Pocahontas Times is not as accomplished a writer as his father. We maintain that we have never pretended to equal many men as writers. But the evil that men do lives after them. "Old Ragged-Edged Bill" has offended us, and we propose to tell of his qualities as a writer.

In 1874, when this old pawkey-wit was in the heyday of youthful wit and beauty, he wrote a touching serial story called "Stammering Bill," for the Musical Million, then published at Singer's Glen. We have it before us and are gloating over it. We know that any time we can publish it, and if we do the people of Ronceverte will rise in their wrath and drive him clean out of the country.

His scene is laid in the "loveliest valley in all christendom. Only one thing to mar the quietude and peacefulness of nature. A row of great mills, whose ceaseless jar, and clang, and clatter, made it quite disagreeable living near them." Such is the elegant construction of his sentences! Stammering Bill is a mill hand. He stammers. It would be queer if he did not. The owner of the mill has a son. To-day he would have been called a plutocrat. It took a stick to describe him when Blake wrote about him. This plutocrat youth used to jam Stammering Bill around whenever he felt like it. Stammering Bill supported an aged Brahmin who lived in the woods. One day the Brahmin died. Bill went to sleep in the mill. He had a chance to push the young plutocrat into the water but did not do it. One night he saw the dam burst. The whole town lay below the dam. Stammering Bill had a notion for a while not to do a hate. But a song had been sung in the mill that day and a fragment which had lodged on the rafters overhead fell on his ear and softened him. He got a move on himself and rang every bell in the place, and every body got back to the hills, and though every house was swept away not a life was lost except Stammering Bill, who was finally overtaken by the flood.

Blake's sons may draw better pictures than he, but they can never, no never write an account of a bursting dam to come up with their romantic father.

BRYAN'S PLATFORM.

Hon William J. Bryan, the per-haps self-elected, seems to be general director of the Democratic party, has prepared the following platform as a declaration of our principles for the campaign of 1898, and it seems to be good, sound doctrine, and will serve to express our sentiments better, perhaps, than the famous Chicago platform:

- First—We are unalterably opposed to gold monometalism.
Second—We demand the immediate restoration of Bimetallism at the present ratio by the independent action of this country.
Third—We oppose the retirement of the greenbacks.
Fourth—We oppose the issue of paper money by national banks.
Fifth—We oppose the issue of interest bearing bonds in time of peace.
Sixth—We favor the income tax as a means of raising a part of the revenue necessary to administer the Federal Government.
Seventh—We favor the abolition of trusts.
Eighth—We are opposed to government by injunction.
Ninth—We are in favor of arbitration as a means of settling disputes between labor and capital.

The available men for military service in the United States number 10,415,000. The number of men organized into companies 114,262.

The Secretary of State has issued a charter to the Carter Gravit Magnetic Ore Separating Company, of Charleston, W. Virginia, with a capital of \$500 and the privilege of increasing the same to \$2,000,000. The shares are \$100 each, and held by W. C. Leonard, G. L. Welch, P. C. Russell, J. A. Summers, and A. C. Gunther.

A PROBLEM.

We failed to state a problem correctly last week. It is as follows. A boy had sixty apples in his basket, which he sold at the rate of five for two cents. The basket being too heavy for him, he divided the apples into lots of thirty each. One lot he sold at the rate of 3 for 1 cent; the other lot, of thirty, at the rate of 2 for 1 cent. Did he gain or lose by the transaction and why?

Under the first sale he would sell 60 apples at 5 for 2 cents giving him 24 cents for the sixty.

When he divided them into two lots, 30 at 3 for 1 cent equals 10 cents; 30 at 2 for 1 cent equals 15 cents; 10 plus 15 equals 25 cents the amount of the sale of the 60 apples when divided. What makes the difference?

If you take the trouble to investigate, you will find, in a country community, that the young men who subscribe for local and city papers are the ones who are foremost in business. And there are others.

WEYLER says the destruction of the Maine was due to the "indolence of the crew." This is regarded as an insult to our navy. If he had said that the whole treacherous affair was due to the indolence of the administration he would have been nearer right.

The natural interest and indignation aroused in this country over the condition of the Cuban patriots has stirred the natures of the loyal Spaniard to its greatest depths. The blowing up of the Maine was a natural sequence to the feeling of hate which prevails among the Spanish people.

The day is past when a country paper can charge more than one dollar a subscription rate. Anything over one dollar has come to be regarded by the public as velvet for the publisher; and when we consider that a rate for advertising must necessarily and primarily be founded on a circulation basis, we see the folly of a deterring subscription price.

The Monroe Watchman says that a young lady aged 16 years died in that county recently whose parents were fatalists. The daughter was not necessarily sick of an incurable disease, but the parents deciding by some occult means that their daughter was to die, refused to give the medicine prescribed and furnished by the attending physician, tho the patient begged them to do so. If there is proof sufficient, the grand jury of Monroe County should indict these people as a warning against the practice of fatalism that may sometimes prove fatal.

A Winter Thunder Storm.

The thunder storm last Sunday was as pronounced as those of summer. All the forenoon the air seemed saturated with moisture. About two o'clock the rumbling of distant thunder was heard. Some of the reports resembled the sound of a horn. The thunder became louder and the flashes of lightning could be seen. The redness of the flashes was peculiar. One flash observed was that rare phenomenon, known as "globe lightning." In the west a globe of light, about the size of the sun, seemed to drop from the clouds, and remained stationary for a perceptible length of time and burst into thousands of flashes, accompanied by a tremendous clap of thunder. It was the color of red-hot iron. The rain began then, and in a few minutes the most severe hailstorm which has visited this county for years was in progress. The hailstones were about as large as peas, and were falling so thick that objects a few yards distant were totally obscured. All the while the thunder was rolling and crashing. The storm continued for about a quarter of an hour.

G. Washington Poage.

DIED.—At his home at Walker, Vernon County, Missouri, January 15, 1898, G. Washington Poage, aged about 83 years. He was a son of the late George W. Poage, of the Levels. About 27 years ago he moved to Missouri from Beaver Creek, near Huntersville. His wife was Miss Cornelia Hinchman, of Monroe County. He was seized by his final illness in August, and was unable to turn or feed himself ever since, thus requiring constant attention on the part of his devoted family. A very brief time before his sickness he said to a neighbor that he was going soon. "Ever since the death of my mother he has seemed to be always waiting for the call to come up higher." Thus his daughter writes in her letter to her cousin, Mrs. Mary Barlow, at Huntersville. He has lived a consistent Christian from early youth, and there is everything to comfort his bereaved friends that with him "all is well." W. T. P.

DILLEY'S MILL.

Jasper Mace, of Webster County, is visiting his uncle W. H. Dilley.

The farmers in this part are plowing making ready for early crops.

Isaac Grogg has rented and moved to Prime Dilley's property.

Gilmore Sharp is preparing for a saw set on his farm.

The show at Mt Zion school-house proved to be a tramp who sang a few comic songs.

Miss Nola Shrader was home on a visit, accompanied by Annie Lee Ervine.

Mr James Hively disconcerted school part of last week owing to a severe cold.

Miss Florence Hively was home from school last week on a visit, and returned with her best fellow to escort her.

The football fever seems to be reviving. At Frost and Dilley's Mill they still keep it up. George Sharp broke a blood vessel while playing at Frost Saturday.

Mrs Manda Sharp is talking of going to Texas where her sons Hanson and Frank are.

We are having most beautiful winter weather now. So very warm for February. Stock is showing up well and feed seems to be very plentiful in this part.

Charles McKinley Shrader died on the 11th instant, (son of William Shrader), 10 months old. He died of pneumonia, and was sick two days.

Yours truly, "JENKINS."

MILL POINT.

Our strong men are returning from the lumber camps.

What of the compulsory school law? Is it any good?

P. G. Shafer, of Virginia, is in our vicinity operating a gramophone.

Valentines have been floating around here a great deal of late.

Sherman Pyles, the supposed intended, says he is going to Klondike.

There will be a spelling contest at Riverside, Friday night, February 25. Come, all ye champions, for ye have champions to contend with!

We hear that our County Superintendent highly commended the Riverside school and its discipline as being the best in the District.

The school on Stamping Creek closed last Saturday. Although some persons were disappointed the last day, the school was considered a success. The scarlet fever in the vicinity prevented any entertainment.

One of the 'pets' in a certain school not long since got whipped. His father concluded to have his revenge upon the teacher by making a complaint of cruelty to the trustees. The "post mortem" examination of the body of the victim revealed three little red stripes two inches long. The jury rendered a verdict of not guilty, and the trustees permitted the teacher to continue the school as before, and left him a switch in the room, also. They said they had as well stop the school as to forbid the use of the rod.

SOMETHING appeared in the Alderson Man about the Pocahontas Times recently. It was too blurred and indistinct to read. That populistic luminary, "looks like it had been set and made up in a blacksmith shop and printed on a threshing machine."

Notice. All persons are hereby notified that taxes due me as late sheriff of Pocahontas County and as receiver of J. C. Arbogast, must be paid at once. Do not neglect this notice to get ready to pay. Feb. 14. LEVI GAY, late S. P. C.

Notice. All persons are hereby notified that taxes due me as late sheriff of Pocahontas County and as receiver of J. C. Arbogast, must be paid at once. Do not neglect this notice to get ready to pay. Feb. 14. LEVI GAY, late S. P. C.

Blow Repairs. We are Factory Agents for IMPERIAL and SILVER STEEL Plows. (The Best Hill-side Plow on the Market.) Simms & Co., Opp. Passenger Depot, RONCEVERTE, W. VA.

EYE TEST.

Should be Read at 15 Inches.

I have a first-class optician's outfit, such as eye specialists use, and am prepared to examine eyes and adjust glasses in a satisfactory manner.

J. M. CUNNINGHAM, M. D.

DAVID LILLY, of Summers county, aged 15, killed his cousin Arthur Lilly, aged 16. The fight was on account of jealousy of a young girl. The two boys were on their way home from a spelling match, the elder walking with the girl. The boys fought three times, being separated; twice the young homicide was the aggressor. The last time he entered the fight with a rock in a cloth and with it he crushed the other boy's head, killing him instantly.

There's beauty and health in Every Quart of Johnston's Sarsaparilla. The recognized peer of all Blood Purifiers. Our illustrated book is a sure guide to health. Free for the asking. Williams, Davis, Brooks & Co., Detroit, Mich.

For sale by URIAH BIRD, Marlinton; and A. BARLOW, Huntersville. C. B. SWECKER, General Auctioneer and Real Estate Agent. Ferguson's Photograph Gallery is coming to Marlinton. The finest of pictures at lowest of prices. Wait for him.

Bicycles. Prospective Bicycle Purchasers will take notice that I have a few Bicycles at my disposal, (of best makes), which I will deliver in perfect running order at less than the makers' net prices F. O. B. No low grade machine handled by me. N. R. Price.

The Fifty Dollar Tribune. THE BEST WHEEL FOR THE PRICE IN THE WORLD. Don't Think of Buying Until You Have Seen It. The Famous Blue Streak, FASTER THAN EVER. Write for Catalog. The BLACK Mfg. Co., Erie, Pa.

Assassinated! We do not mean to assassinate you, as Wilkes Boothe did Abraham Lincoln, but warn you of the truth that you are daily assassinating your Pocket Book by not giving us your trade. Our stock is fresh, and constant increase of Business show that Prices are Better than elsewhere. Constant sale allow no shop worn goods to remain on our shelves, and MONDAY with ORD. Renewals to obtain BARGAINS which we gladly share with our customers. This means no fraud or deception. Our figures are plain and bold, and you don't have to guess or ask. You can't tell what the bottom price of an article is until you see it HERE. Every day in the year is a bargain day with us. Our stock is worth INVESTIGATION, and all are invited to call and be convinced that as to Quality of Stock and Lowness of Prices we are surpassed by none. We want your trade and friendship. We will take Beeswax and Fur. Our nine-years' experience as buyer and shipper enables us to pay highest prices. For quality of stock, lowness of price, and prompt business, we are respectfully yours, L. D. Sharp.

W. W. TYREE & CO. We wish to call the attention of our customers, and the public generally, that we are equipping ourselves with tools and good material for the purpose of manufacturing and repairing Wagons, Buggies, Etc., and all other blacksmithing that is required by the public. Our aim is to be always at our post ready for any work that is to be done in our line. Send us your orders for New Wagons. We guarantee to give satisfaction in all the work we do, both in prices and workmanship. Respectfully, W. W. TYREE & CO., Marlinton, W. Va. I wish to call the attention of the people who have patronized me during the time I have been in the blacksmith business at Marlinton, that I have located in the shop with W. W. Tyree, at the west end of the Bridge in Marlinton, West Virginia, and hope still to have a continuance of your patronage. Respectfully, B. N. RAYBURN, Marlinton, W. Va. February 18, 1898.

To the Public. I have a large stock of goods on hand too large for my capital—and am compelled to sell out close to pay my bills and get ready for my Spring Stock. A Pointer. Always if you want to buy cheap go to the man who is compelled to sell. "One one, come all!" I will give you better bargains than ever before for cash and good trade. All persons knowing themselves indebted to me, please call and settle. My rule is "Cash or good trade," but by special arrangement I have a few accounts out. On these I can give but short notice. YOURS FOR BUSINESS. S. J. Boggs.

Washington Excursions on the C. & O. Excursion tickets will be sold for trains No. 2 and 4, on Feb. 17, March 17, April 14, May 12, 1898, at the following rates: Ronceverte, \$7.50; White Sulphur, 7.25; Alleghany, 7.00; Covington, Va., 6.75; Hot Springs, 7.00; Clifton Forge, 6.50; Millboro, 6.25. Everybody Says So. Cascarella Family Caturine, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, is a constant and refreshing tonic, and gently and positively acts on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dissolving curable, every kind of combination and in all cases. Please buy and try a box of Cascarella's Family Caturine. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all drug stores. C.A. YEAGER, Proprietor. Take Cascarella's Family Caturine, 10 or 25c. If U.S. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.